

THE COPPIE OF A LETTER

From Sir *Thomas Fairfax* his Quarters
to the Parliament, concerning the great
Battell betweene Sir *THOMAS FAIRFAX*
and *Goring* at *Langport* on Thursday the
10. of July 1645.

Where were slaine,
500. Dead upon the place.
Many carried to *Bridgewater*.
Taken prisoners.
6. *Celars*.
14. *Lieutenant Colonels and Majors*.
100. *Captaines and Officers of Note*. 2000. *Prisoners*.
Taken besides.
.1200. *Horse*.
40. *Colours of Horse and Foot*.
4000. *Armes for horse and foot*.

2. *Pieces of Ordnance*.
6. *Carroades of Ammunition*.
All their Bag and Baggege that was in the field.
L. Gen. Cromwells speech in the head of the Armie.
2. *Garrison taken from them*.
A list of the Chiefest Commanders on our side, that were killed: or wounded.
And in what manner the Enemies are dispersed into their severall quarters.

Also how Major Generall *Massey* the day before tooke
Lieutenant Generall *Porter*, Lieutenant Generall
of *Gorings Horse*

2. <i>Sergeant Majors</i> .	6. <i>Captaines</i> .	<i>Many inferior Officers</i> .
9. <i>Colours</i> .		200. <i>Prisoners and divers</i>
250. <i>Horse</i> .		<i>flings</i> .

And the Enemie pursued to *Bridgewater*, and all the passages blockt up both by land and water.

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Sir THOMAS FAIRFAXES Quarters,
read in the House of Commons on Saturday

July 22, 1645.



N account I gave you in my last, of our Affairs till yesterday, I left Goring with his whole Army, at Langport; since they be pleased to take a short account of our Actions, yeasterday wee advanced to Sutton, drawing out that part of our Army which we had into Sutton Field, the rest being four thousand five hundred Horse and Dragoones (at the least) under

the command of Major Gen. *Massy*, were on the other side of the river, & thole 8 regiments of Foot which we had at *Nasby* Field,

were also quartered at Matlock to M^r M^{ssy} advanced with his horse, and Dragoones, having force to back them to Northcote (being ordered to strengthen the enemies quarters, and to hinder the a from any plundering exercise; It see s 500 of the m^{rs} being upon a design out, and having no intelligence of his being in motion, was surprised being in a careless posture; sell on them: being (as I take it) 9 Colours, 200 prisoner, and about 250 horse, flew about 30. w^e in the mean time were drawn up within a mile of Ling-post, with those horse and foot the Generall had with him, not knowing of his engagement. And there being 3 Rivers between him, and us, and the way almost twelve miles march the last night wee quartered at Sutton, and this morning by three of the clock, drew out into Sutton field, having with us but seven Regiments of horse: viz. The Generals (formerly called Lieutenant Generall Cromwells) Wallleys, Vrmodeus, Grisefoes, Rich, Fleetwoods, and Butlers, which were not in all 200 horse, off we had all, but the Musketeers of three Regiments, having sent for them the last night from Matlock, early in the morning the enemies appeared in the field, and about 7 a clock they had made themselves masters of a p^{ss} which lay in the midst between our body and theirs, had lined the hedges between us and them, with at least 2000 musketeers; so that the passage to them was extreme dangerous, being so straight, that four horse could hardly passe abreast, and that up to the belly in water; they lying so in flanks and fronts to receive us. In that posture they stood till nigh eleven of the clock, having in the interim sent away most of their Traine, and Boggage, led horse and other lumber, to Bridgewater; being resolved to make good their retreat thither, which they conceived they could, having such an advantageous passe thither; we understanding their intentions by some Scouts, and other countrymen, resolved to charge them; and accordingly drew down a commanded party of musketeers to beat them from the hedges, which was done with gallant resolution, advancing the same time with two Regiments of horse into the lane, all that we could draw up in the front was but a single

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single troop, and that company, led by *Bethell*, the enemy, landing ready with 2 bodies of horse, of about 1000 to charge him; he with a single troop charged, and broke two of their divisions, of about 400, received the charge of the third division both in front and flank, was slain: what o're borne at last, and forced to retire to the Generals Regiment, which was about 100 yards behind *Doborough*, with the Generals troops sheltered him by his flank to rally, and charge up himselfe with about 200 horse of the Generals Regiment, dispersed the enemy and set them all a running, gained freedom by it so all our horse and foot, to draw into bodies, sent the enemy running, not being able to endure another charge, the Generall, Lieutenent General, and some other officers upon the hill, beholding the gallant charges commenled it, for the most excell'ent pece of service that ever was in England, we had them in chace almost to Bridg water, having put them to the clean roue, that ever any enemy were put to; what the number of the slain be I can't tell you, being scarce knowne from the chace. The prisoners come in already are 900, and I conceive there will come in as many as will make 2000, and 12000 horse at the least, for Colours I am uncertaine, I dare say at least 40, the Armes at least 4000. 2 pece of Ordinance LIAV, and divers carriages of Ammunition, and to make it a compleat victory, he pursued the enemy through Langport, having gained the Garrison, and though they fired the town just at the Bridge, to hinder the chace, yet we followed the victory through the fire, the successse of this victory must be ascrib'd (next unto God) to the good conduct of the Generall, and *Cromwe's* following the chace through Langport, where he himselfe passed through the fire flaming on both sides of him. The enemy cryed out, they are now utterly undone and that the King must now goe into Ireland. This victory was opportune, In regard, had they stayed but three dayes longer, *Goring* would have had a reinforcement of six thousand horse and foot from *Greenfield* and the King, they being transporting their forces as fast as can be to *Munthead*, *Watchhead*, and *Uphill*, there being 1500 that landed at *Uphill*, can

came to Bridgewater yesterday. Sir, this is all at present from your affectionate and humble servant,

Langport July 10.
7 at night.

The report of the Scout that brought the aforesaid letter, which is here placed by way of postscript for further satisfaction.

On wednesday the ninth of July 1645. there were 1500 of the enemies commanded by Lieutenant generall *Perse*, who lay at Abercyle, on whom Major generall *Massy* fell before the Enemy were aware of it; with Colonell *Massy* were Lieutenant *Bull*, Major *Sanderson*, Colonel *Web*, and some other officers, who with the common souldiers behaved themselves gallantly, the enemy about 3 of the clock grazing their horses, and having made works about Abercyle Church, and in exceeding good quarters, little thinking *Massy* so neer, had set a small guard of foot at the towns end, Major generall *Massy* drew his men into two divisions, for each end of the town one, himself commanded one, and Capt. *Gutredge* the other, which was but a small party: for Capt. *Massy* commanded the main body himself, *Massy*'s men marched with green boughes in their hats, Capt. *Gutridge* coming to the towns end, found the hedges lined with Muskettiers at the fourthwest end of the town, Capt. *Fransway*, a Dutch Captain, commanded a party to fall on the one side of the ambuscadors, and Capt. *Gutredge* on the other, The Dutch Captain when he was charged by the enemy, began to face about, which impeded Capt. *Gutredges* prosecution of the busines, yet the rest of the officers and souldiers, with the wisdome of Capt. *Gutredge*, ended the busines so well, that they beat up their ambuscadors for all that, and drove them quite away: in the mean time Major *Gete* all *Massy* marched up to the other side of the Town, Colonell *Cook* having the command of the forlorn hepe, who in like manner had lined the hedges at that end of the town, and Col: *Massy* with Col: *Cook* and the rest, raised them, and those with the rest at the other end of town, followed so hard upon the enemy, that they drove them

them all from the town, pursuing them within two miles of Langport, and took many Armes in Abersoile. Maior Generall Massys word was *VVales*, the enemy staid not to give any word at all. On Thursday the tenth of July Sir Tho: Fairfax marched toward the enemy, discovered them when hee was with his body by the windmills, between Lampart and Summerton, the enemy were then on the Hills in Lampart field about two mile and a half off, the water being between them. About eleven of the clock they drew out, and about one of the clock Maior Bethel charged the enemy: the fight was very hot, and lasted about two hours, about 3 of the clock Goring was got himselfe into Bridgewater, Prince Charles bein gone from thence before, and the Lord Hopton with him to Barastable with three Troops of Horse, to raise what forces they could in those parts, to ioyn with those which were to come from Greenvill. Rupert was gone to the King before also to send what strength he could to ioyn with them, and Greenvils horse, as appeared afterwards, were then upon their march toward Goring, and also Sir John Barkley was before drawn off, upon some discontent or other towards Exeter, but, is beleaved, returning with Greenvill. Sir Thomas Aston was then with Goring, who hath a regiment in which are good store of Papistr, but hee ranne away like a base Coward. and the greatest part of his Regiment are taken, of which the poore county men are not a little glad, for they have been extream cruell in plundering. Sir Lewis Dives was then in Sherburn, it seems he loves a garrison better then the field, and holds it more secure. The Cavaliers seem to be very sorrowful for their losses, we perceive by them, that they have lost some considerable men, but will not be known who they are.

Sir Thomas Fairfax quartered that night at Oller, four miles from Bridgwater, Maior Generall Massy is ioyned with him, where he blocked up that side of their garrison, Lieutenant Generall Cromwell making a speech in the head of the Army, declaring how the enemies passage by water might be stopped up, wherenpon a party of 1500 horse and Dragoons were sent to block up the west side for the same purpose.

*A list of Major generall M. Sleys victorie at North-Carry
on Wednesday the 9. of July, 1645.*

1500. Routed which were surprised by Colonell MASSEY.

9. Colours taken from the said partie of 1500.

Levetenant Generall Po or Lieutenant Generall of Goings horse taken prisoner.

2500. Horse and armes taken from them at the same time.

2. Serjant Majors taken prisoners, and 6 Captains.

200. of their inferiour officers and common men taken prisoners.

A list of the particulars what was taken, and how many slain at the Routing of Goings by Sir Thomas Fairfax, & Lang-

port on Thursday the 10. of July, 1645.

300. Slaine, and left dead upon the place.

Divers officers Carried dead and some wounded into Bridge-water.

6. Collonells, some of which are notorious incendiaries

14. Levetenant Collonells and Serjant Majors.

100. Captains, and Reformadoes, and other officers of note.

2000. Prisoners: whereof divers inferiour officers.

Taken besides

1200. horse.

40. Colours of horse, and foot,.

4000. Armes pistols Carbines, firelocks, muskets pikes &c.

2. Peeces of ordnance.

6. Cart loade of Ammunition, powder match, &c.

All their bagg, and baggage which they had left in the field

The losse on our side.

2. Reformado Captains: one of them a dutch man both slain.

Colonell Butlers Captaine Levetenant slain, and his Cor-
net let fall his Colours, but they were shortly regained.

Colonell Butler, a slight cut on the arm.

Colonell Edward Cooke shot on the mouth, only on the upper

